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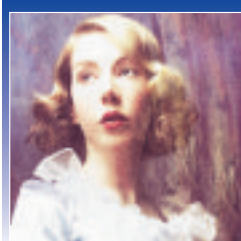
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# TRAM-A-LAM

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THRILLED: Bob Craven and campaigners at the shelter  
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By Suzi Muston

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WORK on Thorpe Bay's former forlorn tram shelter is moving forward at a furious pace.

Retired police chief Bob Craven and his wife Dorothy have been trying to revamp the dilapidated art deco shelter for the last 20 years.

They were finally given the go-ahead by Southend Council and backed by the *Yellow Advertiser* last year.

Now work has started in earnest on transforming the 100-year-old

seafront building into a space for the community.

So far 1,500 people from hundreds of groups say they would like to use the shelter.

They include schools, children with impaired sight, disabled groups and a group of people with facial disfigurements who want to use it as a changing facility for the beach as they are unable to cope with Southend's packed beaches.

Bob said: "Our thanks go to Southend's new leader Ron Woodley who took up the reins and made things happen."

"This week, the floor of the shelter saw daylight for the first time in more than 100 years, remarkably the floor looks in very good condition, however, there is serious corrosion and decay which can only have been inside the structure."

"Council contractor Quill Construction has been working closely with our Frank Summers trustee build team leader to save wood mouldings so we can replicate the same timbers in the rebuild."

Tram stop committee campaigner Keith Beresford said he was extremely happy the campaign is

being backed by the YA.

He said: "As a member of the fundraising team at the tram stop shelter I am pleased to acknowledge the support we are receiving from the *Yellow Advertiser* because it keeps everyone up to date with the progress."

"The rebuild is progressing so well and we are now actively planning our fundraising events for this year."

"For this year so far, there are two quiz nights and a golf day at Garon Park in June."

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# Musical with a message

## Dad makes a song and dance about dangers of surfing the web

EXCLUSIVE

By Suzi Muston

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SAFETY conscious staff at a Leigh school have developed a clever way of educating pupils about the dangers of the internet.

Information technology and communications expert Simon Harris from Southend developed the idea because he said he wants to protect children from risks lurking online.

Mr Harris, who is a communications advisor at Saint Pierre School

in Leigh Road, helped create a musical project using songs and drama.

The school has now produced a video on the topic which has now been uploaded to YouTube.

Dad-of-one Simon said: "One of the most rewarding parts of my role is seeing how our children want to contribute to any discussion about online safety.

"Our older pupils are taking a real lead in this with the video, assembly presentations and other printed materials that are shown around the school.

"We have recently introduced a safe and secure email network for year two and above and I am delighted to say that every single pupil is taking responsibility for every message and image that they send.

"We have created emails for the pupils too and other than the occasional forgotten password, the email trial has been a complete success."

Saint Pierre headteacher Christopher Perkins said the school felt it was necessary to include online safety in the IT curriculum.

He said: "We wanted to go beyond any government-issued 'bare minimum' material.

"Five or 10 years ago, we wouldn't have even thought about talking to pupils as young as ours about the dangers of Facebook, Twitter and the internet in general, but we have to



TAKE CARE: Simon Harris with pupils promoting their video to highlight dangers of internet use

move with the times.

"Thankfully we have managed to cover an incredibly serious subject in a way that is engaging, fun, and most importantly, relevant."

Head boy Glen Morris, 11, said: "The online safety video was a lot of fun and it has helped our own pupils a lot.

"It has been shared so much online now that it is also helping children and their parents around the world too, which is amazing.

"We all love using our new email addresses because it gives us the chance to chat with our friends in

other year groups, and we know that messages to and from outside addresses are blocked to keep us safe."

Mr Harris added: "The children all got really involved in the acting with loads of great ideas, and the song was sung by our drama teacher Rachael Linnen.

"The video has been praised by Essex Police, ChildNet International, pupils and parents."

To see the video, which has now amassed more than 1,000 hits, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G9uQgr9a4g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G9uQgr9a4g)



MASCOT: Head boy Glenn Morris with school mascot

## Arrests made over flat death

DETECTIVES investigating the death of Albert Williams in Southend last year have made further arrests.

A 34-year-old man from Grays was arrested at his work address in Sutton Road, Southend, shortly before 7am on Thursday. He was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to burgle.

A second man, from Westcliff, was also rearrested on suspicion of murder and burglary. The 43-year-old had been arrested last year and was on bail.

Both men are being questioned by police. Fire crews found Mr Williams at his flat in Cedar Close, Southend, on August 8 after they had been called out to a blaze in the same property. A forensic post mortem showed he had died of internal injuries.

DI Danny Stoten is leading the investigation into the death. He said: "Albert Williams was a vulnerable man who lived alone in Southend. He enjoyed his own company and had a love of gardening.

"I believe there are people out there who know who did this and believe the answers lie within the local community."

Anyone who has any information is asked to call 01279 621802, or 101. To call anonymously, dial 0800 555 111.

## Railway death

TRAIN services were cancelled at Southend Airport railway station on Wednesday morning, January 27, after the discovery of a body on the line.

A man was pronounced dead at the scene.

# Work progresses on former seafront tram shelter

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"We are currently seeking sponsors – if anyone can help, it would be very much appreciated."

Fellow campaigner, Mike Carter, from Leigh on Sea told the YA he was delighted with the progress.

He said: "The shelter will contain 21st century equipment enabling the less able

residents of, and visitors to, Southend to enjoy a day at the seaside with the privacy and dignity they deserve."

Funds and volunteers are needed by the shelter campaign group.

If you spare a few hours volunteering or can help sponsor the shelter, email Bob: [rdc169@talktalk.net](mailto:rdc169@talktalk.net) or call 01702 580648.

## Thorpe Bay tram shelter facts:

- The shelter was built on an exposed part of the esplanade and provided protection from the harsh weather.
- It was originally a terminus for Esplanade Trams.
- When the trams stopped running in 1938, they were replaced by trolley-buses.

- As the area became more built up - the service was extended to Shoeburyness.
- The lease on the land for the tram stop was dated July 2, 1914 stated the building could only be used for the benefit of the public.
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## NEWS

# Busiest RNLI in Britain

SOUTHEND Lifeboat Station is the busiest on Britain's coast.

New RNLI figures show crews at the station launched their boats 142 times last year compared to second-place Great Yarmouth, who launched theirs 59 times last year.

RNLI bosses said they weren't surprised Southend was the busiest because it boasts an exceptionally long coastline with unusual features, such as the mud flats.

Crews were involved in a number of unusual rescues including saving two men who were adrift at sea in a home-made boat which cost just £9 to make.

Last year the lifeboats were launched to save people on board broken down vessels, struggling swimmers and people stranded on the mud flats who had been cut off by the incoming tide.

In 2015 the charity's lifeboats were launched 366 times in Essex as a whole, rescuing 379 people and saving 15 lives.

The six RNLI lifeboat stations in Essex are Harwich, Walton and Frinton, Clacton-on-Sea, Burnham-on-Crouch, West Mersea and Southend-on-Sea.

Paul Barker, RNLI community incident reduction manager in the east, told the *YA* he was proud of the crews.

He said: "Once again our volunteer lifeboat crews have had a busy year working hard to serve their local communities."

"They willingly down tools and drop



**BUSY:** An RNLI boat crew hit the waves

everything to respond to an emergency call for help day or night, come rain or shine."

Mr Barker said the RNLI had been delivering safety workshops such as their 'respect the water' campaign and life-jacket clinics.

He added: "We understand that things can go wrong from time to time, so some preventative maintenance and annual checks prior to the boating season should allow for worry-free sea time."

"I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their tireless hard work and dedication throughout the past 12 months. Without all of our supporters, fundraisers, crews and education teams our life-saving service would not operate."

Den Freeman, who volunteers for Southend RNLI, said crews worked

extremely hard.

He told the *YA*: "We are called out to kite surfers, wind surfers, vessels with engine problems, people stranded on the mud."

"Sailing clubs don't normally give us a problem as they have their own patrol boats."

"If you look at what we are covering, Shoebury East beach to Southend is four miles, then Southend to Canvey is another four miles."

"But we also cover beyond that and out to the mud flats where a lot of people get stranded with the incoming tide."

Regular sailor Lee Field said having the RNLI around was a great comfort.

Mr Field, 44, from Radlett, said: "The RNLI is fantastic as it is very easy to get into trouble when you are out at sea."

## Blaze at popular restaurant

FIRE crews were called to a blaze at the popular Southend restaurant, Tomasis, last week.

Firefighters arrived at the restaurant at 4am on Tuesday January 26 and found a dustbin at the back of the premises alight.

It is believed the blaze, which had also spread to a small building at the back of the eaterie, was started deliberately.

An Essex Fire and Rescue spokesman said: "Crews extinguished the fire, which had reached the inside of a single storey building at the back of the restaurant. A ventilation fan was used to clear the building of smoke."

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# Photo exhibit remembers

Youngsters learn about devastating flood that killed 58 people - and meet a survivor



OLD photos and newspapers enthralled a group of six-year-olds at an exhibition telling the story of the Great Flood.

The children from Canvey Island Infant School, who are studying the historic floods of 1953, visited the commemorative event mounted by the island's community archive – and even spoke to one of the disaster's survivors.

Teacher Sandra Dorrington said: "They were completely engrossed in the pictures and papers, which brought to life what they had been learning in the classroom."

"It was particularly interesting for them to speak to people who lived through the flood."

"The exhibition was brilliant, if the archive do it again next year, I will

definitely bring my Year 2 pupils back."

The exhibition, in the War Memorial Hall last Wednesday, included slide shows and a talk by local historian Graham Stevens.

Janet Penn, who edits the archive web page, said: "The event was a success, we have around 120 adults and 50 children, many more than

expected because of the bad weather."

"It was great to see the children so interested."

"The flood is so much part of our history, it is important for younger generations to know all about it."

A veteran Canvey councillor – who was 11 when he woke up to see water running past his window – was also on hand to talk to visitors.

Cllr Ray Howard said: "It was a wonderful exhibition and I heartily congratulate the archive for this and all the work it does."

The community archive is sending £200 from the exhibition proceeds to Cumbria flood victims.

Janet added: "We feel for them, and thought this was a way of showing our support."



**MEMORIES:** Councillor Ray Howard, a flood survivor, meets some of the children from Canvey Island Infants school who are studying the event as a project

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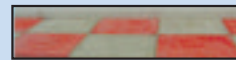
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A £1.5MILLION gym opened by TV star Dan Osborn has provided 40 jobs in Rochford. Dan was joined by hunks from MTV's show *On The Beach* – Rogan O'Connor and Joss Mooney.

The trio opened the new gym in Purdey Way, near Southend, on Friday.

Gym bosses told the *Y4* there are currently jobs in sales, physical training and reception.

Dan said: "I was delighted to open Xercise4Less' 35th club.

"Fitness is my passion and something I've always taken seriously from a very young age.

"Not only is it important to train but it's even more crucial that you know what you're doing so you can reap the rewards."

The stars put the public through their paces in a series of muscle burning body weight challenges including push-ups and pull-ups.

Gym manager Natasha Spurr said the 38,000sq ft gym has 400 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment and is the cheapest gym in the area.

She said: "I can't wait to finally get started. The team and I have worked extremely hard over the last few months to make sure everything is up and running and we're looking forward to finally welcoming members through the door.

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# Help children enjoy Roald Dahl summer reading challenge

RESIDENTS have been asked to help children complete a reading challenge this summer.

The county's libraries will run the annual event – this year themed around the books of Roald Dahl – during the six-week school holiday.

Last year more than 40,000 children across Essex took part in the challenge, receiving rewards including stickers, certificates and medals. Almost 700 people signed up as volunteers, donating more 12,000 hours of their time.

Essex County Council leader Cllr David Finch said he hoped the focus on popular author Dahl would lead to a surge in volunteer applications.

He said: "I think this year's Roald Dahl theme will strike a chord with a lot of people who grew up reading books such as Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many more.

"I am confident this will result in even more young people getting involved."

Residents have been asked to volunteer to talk to youngsters about the books they have read.

Participants must be aged 14 or above and will be asked to volunteer for a minimum of 21 hours between July 16 and September 3.

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## Thanks to Southend Hospital staff

I AM 91 years old and feel very lucky to be alive.

I've always been very active, swimming a mile a day in my 60s and becoming a tai chi teacher in my 70s.

But last month, I developed a severe bladder infection as a result of prostate problems and, had it not been for the swift treatment from staff at Southend University Hospital, I would not be here today.

On December 16, I experienced such severe pain I ended up in A&E, where it was discovered I was suffering from urinary retention. This eventually caused a kidney infection and led to sepsis. My white blood cell count was off the record, at 36, and I lost so much blood my haemoglobin levels went down to 6.8.

Things got so serious that my daughter slept beside my hospital bed for a week, and my children were told that if I went into cardiac arrest, the doctors would not revive me.

Apparently, at one time, the infection made me so delirious

I didn't recognise people, thought I was in my living room at home and even believed there were buses in the room with me.

There's never a good time to be in hospital, and being the only patient in the ward on Christmas Day may feel like the worst possible place to be, but I can honestly say that the expert treatment of the staff – consultants, junior doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and ancillary staff – was superb. The treatment I received from the nurses in Southbourne Ward was as if I was in a private hospital – excellent.

I especially remember Manju, Win, Mischa (not sure of the spelling of these), Michael and Oliver, who brightened up my day every time they came to see me.

So I would like to thank all the staff in A&E, the urology department and Southbourne Ward. I can say without prejudice that my experience in Southend University Hospital was of such a high standard, it was second to none.

Even if we are too ill to say it at the time, their thoughtfulness and kindness makes all the difference to patients.

**Thomas Boggepoel**  
Rayleigh



RECOVERING: Thomas Boggepoel with daughter Eve

## We deserve a refund on council tax

WITH reference to the letter from Brian Wilson, "Accidents waiting to happen" and street lighting, (YA, January 22).

On January 12, I reported to Essex County Council that there were three street lights not working. I took the trouble to find the numbers which were on the lampposts and included them.

I had a reply with a works number and looked forward to the lights being restored.

I wish to point out that these lights are on the main road (London Road, Wickford) and not too far from the traffic lights, so by the time they reach my house cars are revving up.

A week went by and nothing was done. I wrote again and this time received an email saying that the job required traffic management and would be passed on to contractors for their attention.

Until the county council took things over, things seemed to have been all right. If, as Mr Wilson states, things were checked on a regular basis we wouldn't have so much trouble.

However, having been out to the road this morning I see that a distance further up the road towards Billericay there are hold-ups due to some digging up of the road. For the past week part of Irvon Hill Road another lot have been enjoying digging and leaving a

problem with traffic using that road.

That road is widely used as a shortcut from the High Street into London Road. There are only two lights – one at the top and one at the bottom – so when the lights off time comes you can't see the cones.

So it seems that Benfleet, where Mr Wilson comes from, is not the only place where there are street lights that are not working.

If our council tax is supposed to cover street lights, then don't we all require a refund on what we pay? I think we do.

**Maureen Green**  
Wickford

## Cancer unit should come to Southend

SITTING on the committee responsible for health (people scrutiny), I attended the recent update briefing regarding the siting of the specialist urological cancer surgery centre.

For those not aware NHS England is conducting a project to have just one unit in either Colchester or Southend – these are the two favoured areas.

Both Cllr Mark Flewitt and I feel strongly that because of our

growing population and transportation issues, Southend should be the preferred choice for the cancer unit.

The decision is due in 2017, but we will be doing all we can to secure this significant health provision for our town.

**Cllr Steve Buckley and Cllr Mark Flewitt**  
St Laurence Ward

## Fight for amendments to Bill

MACMILLAN Cancer Support is urging all MPs in Essex to uphold the Lords' amendments to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill, as this will ensure that people with cancer and other long-term illnesses, who are too ill to work but capable of work in the future, do not see their benefits reduced by £30 a week.

Current figures show that if MPs don't uphold these amendments, at least 9,740 people in Essex alone could be left without vital financial support.

Macmillan is also worried that some MPs might reject the Lords' amendments without realising that doing so will push some people with cancer over the edge financially.

Our survey shows that more than half of Conservative MPs (54 per cent) do not know that the Government's proposed changes will affect people who have had cancer. Just over a third of all MPs (38 per cent) are unaware of this impact.

Macmillan knows the financial burden that people with cancer face. The charity found that four in five (83 per cent) people with cancer are on average £570 a month worse off as a result of their diagnosis.

This is because of loss of income and extra medical costs, such as transport to hospital appointments, as well as spiralling household bills as cancer treatment causes people to feel the cold more when they are likely to be spending more time at home.

As the Bill moves to its final stages, we hope MPs in Essex recognise the impact that any cuts to benefits will have on the physical and mental well-being of people in their constituencies with long-term illnesses and uphold the Lords' amendments.

Readers can get involved in this campaign by emailing their MP on <http://bit.ly/1SlmRSO>.

**Rukshana Kapasi**  
Senior Macmillan  
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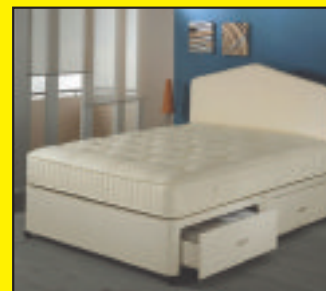
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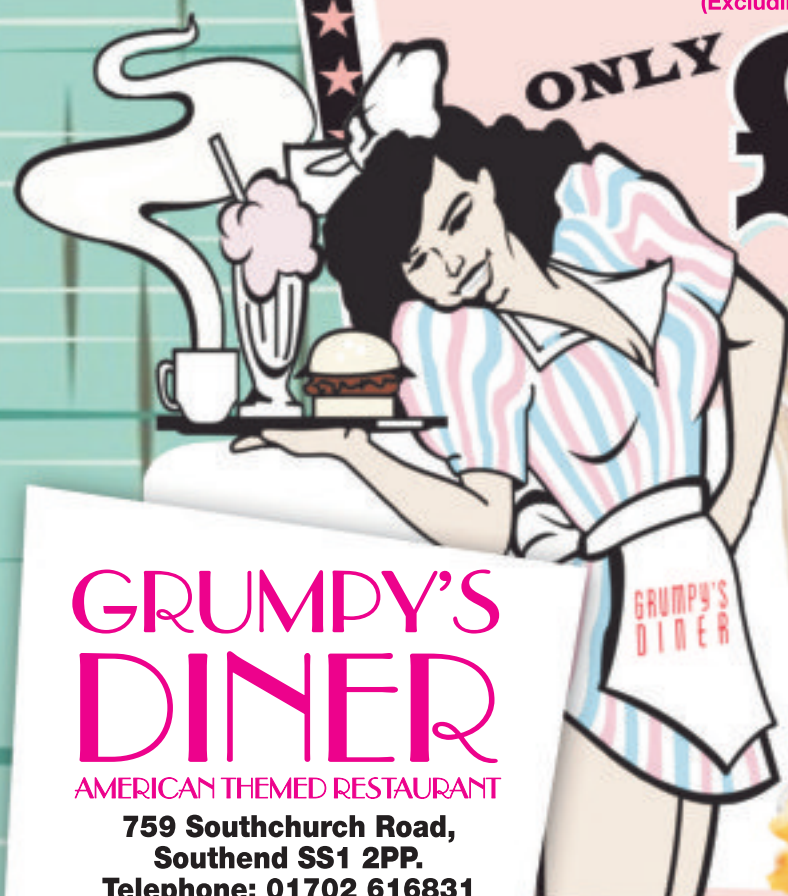
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## RYAN AIRS HONESTY POLICY

By **LIZ WADE**

**R**AZOR sharp and hilariously funny, Canadian Katherine Ryan has hit the road with another must-see comedy show and there are two chances to catch it at theatres in Essex.

Star of Live at the Apollo and winner of the Nivea Funny Women Award at the Comedy Store, Ryan will first be appearing at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, on Friday, February 19.

Hot on the heels of sell-out UK and Australian tours, she has put together another outstanding offering for this year's comedy diary.

Her Kathbun tour will include the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth – well, sort of.

"This show is pretty honest," says Ryan. "I might take some liberties, but comedians do the opposite from politicians. Politicians will tell little truths that if you see them written down in a newspaper seem to be true, but the bigger picture is an entire lie."

"Comedians will tell tiny lies while the big picture is hopefully more truthful. I'll change bits of stories and names so that a story about my dad is actually about my uncle and a story about that boyfriend is actually about this boyfriend."

A huge hit at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe, Kathbun is further confirmation that Ryan, who has lived in London since 2008, is on a scintillatingly rich vein of form right now.

The show features ruminations on our

celebrity culture obsession – a topic she also explored in her last touring show, Glam Role Model – and more personal material including the recent wedding of her younger sister which she attended back in their hometown of Sarnia, in Canada.

Across the course of the lengthy tour, which finishes at Eventim Apollo Hammersmith – home of Live at the Apollo – she is keen to include topical material.

"It's tough to do an identical set on and off for a whole year and an audience can tell when you're just delivering lines, so I try to mix things up," Ryan says.

"The first section will be celebrity and news stuff with some local bits and that has to evolve because news keeps happening."

"A lot of my celebrity material is looking at the meta narrative and at what's happening behind the scenes. With many reality TV stars, their weight is 100 per cent engineered."

"They start to get a bit fat because they're on TV shows where they're paid to get drunk and fight, then the managers arrange for photos to be taken of their star on the beach wearing a pink bikini and eating a McDonald's. And then their trainer helps them lose weight so they can flog the book and DVD and fashion line."

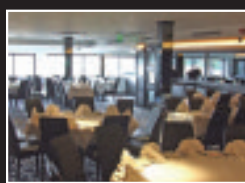
"It's happened so many times with the girls on Geordie Shore and Big Brother. That's what entertains me; you can put on this puppet show and people don't seem to notice."

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FUNNY GIRL: Katherine Ryan

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#### DAD'S ARMY (PG, 100 mins)

**H**OW do you improve on the perfection of Jimmy Perry and David Croft's sitcom Dad's Army, which began active service in 1968 and remains a jewel in the crown of the BBC comedy archives?

The answer is, you don't. If you're director Oliver Parker and screenwriter Hamish McColl, you pepper a flimsy plot that would barely stretch to one TV episode let alone 100 minutes with the show's catchphrases and pray our abiding affection for the characters will compensate for long passages without a discernible punchline.

Original cast members Ian Lavender and Frank Williams are conscripted to cameo roles to heighten the whiff of nostalgia.

Limp innuendo-laden banter about sausages barely merits a smirk, pratfalls are predictable and a terrific ensemble cast of gifted comic actors go on patrol without an arsenal of decent one-liners.

From uninspired beginning to muddled end, it's a cultural smash and grab that goes through the motions

and will ultimately be remembered as a badly missed opportunity.

England, 1944. The Second World War is on a knife edge and in the cosy community of Walmington-on-Sea, blustering bank manager George Mainwaring (Toby Jones) proudly leads the local Home Guard.

His hapless rank-and-file includes Sergeant Wilson (Bill Nighy), Lance Corporal Jones (Tom Courtenay) and Privates Frazer (Bill Paterson), Pike (Blake Harrison), Walker (Daniel Mays) and Godfrey (Michael Gambon), a mild-mannered soul who frequently drifts off into his own world.

The fate of the Home Guard hangs in the balance when Colonel Theakes (Mark Gatiss) reveals that he intends to sort the military wheat from the chaff and "Walmington feels chaffy."

Soon after, Mainwaring learns that a German spy has infiltrated the town and is transmitting secrets back to Berlin.

The search for a traitor coincides with the arrival of glamorous magazine writer Rose Winters (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who intends to pen a flattering article about the

heroics of the Home Guard. George is smitten and finds Rose most charming and agreeable.

"They said that about the Ripper," coldly retorts Mrs Mainwaring (Felicity Montagu), hard-nosed leader of Walmington-on-Sea's women's auxiliary army, which includes Pike's mother (Sarah Lancashire) and Walker's sweetheart Daphne (Emily Atack).

Dad's Army opens with a limp set piece involving a stand-off between the Home Guard and runaway livestock.

"We're supposed to be locking horns with the Hun not Bertie the bull!" despairs one of the men, echoing our mounting frustration.

Jones lightens the darkening mood with a few moments of physical humour, including choking on a slice of cake, while Nighy relies on his usual snorts and tics for merriment.

Montagu, Lancashire and co bring a diluted degree of girl power to proceedings that might be dismissed as tokenism without their characters' pivotal involvement in the hare-brained and lacklustre denouement.

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## Stage

### New queen of confessional comedy

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As well as discussing celebrities such as Taylor Swift, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini and Peter Andre, Ryan includes a great line about the late comedian Joan Rivers, who she says she has always loved.

"I used to stay up late on a Friday for my big treat and watch Letterman or Leno and I was into Joan, Bette Midler and all these great female comedians," she adds. "I don't agree with everything that Joan did or said, but it took a real tenacity to achieve what she did as a single mum. She grafted and grafted and was adored and respected by other comedians. She did a lot of great things in the industry and was confrontational but not just for the sake of it. If I could have all those things, that would be great."

Like Rivers, who spent a substantial amount of her later career stalking the catwalks and red carpets to tear apart the fashion choices of the rich and famous, Ryan is also highly fashion-conscious.

She says: "I love fashion and I always wear a dress at a show. Fashion is an art and I like to support British designers. I've learnt from my two previous tours that people will invest

in a night out. It's important to them and it's important to me, so I'll dress up.

"The comedians who are recognisable to people are cartoon versions of themselves and I think the public want to see the version of me that they see on the panel shows. There's no way that you'd see Jimmy Carr in a tracksuit or you'd think that something was seriously up."

Ryan, who has made guest appearances on *QI*, *8 Out of 10 Cats*, and *Have I Got News For You*, presented *Hair* on BBC Two, competed in *Let's Dance for Comic Relief*, and had acting roles in Channel 4's *Campus* and BBC Two sitcom, *Episodes*, will also be appearing at Chelmsford Civic Theatre on Wednesday, May 18, as part of the tour.

For further information and tickets to see Katherine Ryan at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, on Friday, February 19, call the theatre box office on 01702 351135 or visit [southendtheatres.org.uk](http://southendtheatres.org.uk), and for tickets to see her at Chelmsford Civic Theatre on Wednesday, May 18, call the box office on 01245 606505 or visit [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres).



# Liz At Large

## Fancy this!

**W**ITH just over a week to go before Valentine's Day don't leave it to the last minute to pick up a gift. Novelty socks are out for the man in your life, and if you are looking for something for the missus then a last-minute stop for flowers at a service station is a no-no. Why not opt for these:

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Dan Richards, Clive Smith, Corbin Mackin and Karl Hinett – members of the charity's Band of Brothers, who were affected by life-changing injuries or illness resulting from the time of their service in the Armed Forces – have created an assertive fragrance that is ruggedly masculine and irresistible to the nose. At least £3 from each sale of the £30, 100ml fragrance, will be donated to the charity which supports injured members of the Armed Forces and their families.

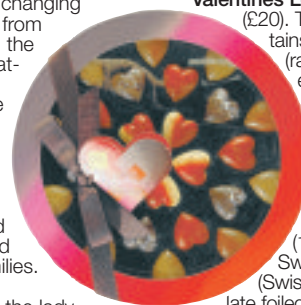
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## YA features reporter Liz Wade looks at what's hot and what's not for Valentine's Day

## Fancy that!

**M**AMMA mia! Italy has been named as the best destination for Valentine's Day solo breaks, according to leading travel dating website and app tourbar.com.

Latest research shows that 11 per cent of its UK members are planning to visit Italy alone over the Valentine's Day period with the aim of meeting a like-minded partner to join them on the trip.

The data also reveals that the USA was the second most popular destination for lone UK travellers, accounting for nine per cent of planned solo trips, while the Netherlands' close proximity to the UK was one of the reasons that helped it secure third position (6.2 per cent).

■ **VALENTINE'S** Day may mean cards, flowers and chocolates in the UK, but in other countries people have a variety of alternative traditions.

In Japan it is traditionally the women who give men chocolates

on February 14.

It is also tradition for men receiving the chocolate to return the favour on March 14, known as White Day, when they traditionally give white chocolate.

South Korean men don't have to worry about hitting the shops before Valentine's Day as women also traditionally give them chocolate. But they do have to give them back non-chocolate candy on

White Day on March 14.

Those receiving nothing on both days head to Chinese restaurants on Black Day, on April 14, to eat black noodles with fellow singletons.

In Ghana, the second largest cocoa exporters, Valentine's Day has been re-christened Chocolate Day.

The move, by the Ghana Tourism Authority, under the auspices of the Ministry of Tourism, aims to reduce the social vices associated with February 14 and promote chocolate, particularly Ghana's cocoa, instead.



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- South East Essex Ramblers - five-mile walk, nature reserve and lanes. Start 10am Magnolia Park off Rectory Road, Rochford, SS5 4LL, details 01702 529141.
- Basildon Saturday Club - For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Club 50+ Southend - 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk).
- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779102.
- Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
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- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

### Sunday, February 7

- South East Essex Ramblers - four-mile walk, start 10am, toilet block Belfairs Woods, SS9 4LR, details 07702 568427.
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- Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
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- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downham Road, Rayleigh, 11am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.

### Monday, February 8

- USA Riverside (Hullbridge) - 2-4pm, Pooles Lane Community Centre, Hullbridge SS5 6PA. Speakers, trips, and interest groups.
- Games Club - St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
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- U3A Riverside - 2pm, Pooles Lane Community Centre, Hullbridge, SS5 6PA. Speakers, trips and interest groups.
- Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Club 50+ - 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Palmers area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and crèche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
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### Tuesday, February 9

- IT help sessions - Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
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- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk).
- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis - 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group - Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
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■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.  
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.  
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.  
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■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.  
■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552280.  
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.  
■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.  
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.  
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, strictly over-18s, free parking £4. 01268 752473.  
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2. 01268 465854.  
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.

# Win tickets to top Abba tribute show

THE world's longest-running Abba concert show is coming to Basildon to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Swedish supergroup's biggest selling hit – Dancing Queen.

The song was a million-selling, number one hit in 13 countries and forms the climax to the hit stage show Thank You for the Music, which is at the Towngate Theatre on Friday, February 26.

Show producer Michael Taylor says the production, now in its 23rd year, has been delighting fans for longer than Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid did during the 1970s and 80s.

“Combining Lycra-tight harmonies with superb musicianship, Thank You for the Music has outlasted Abba in their prime,” he says. “Dancing Queen represents the pinnacle of the group's career, and we have produced a brand-new show rocking the sound of the ‘right music’ for 2016.”

The setlist draws from Abba's nine number one hit singles, nine chart-topping albums and 19 top 20 singles in the UK, including Super Trouper, Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Thank You for the Music, Mamma Mia, Knowing Me, Knowing You, and of course, Dancing Queen.

Michael adds: “Seen the record-

breaking movie? Taken in the smash-hit West End musical? Bought the chart topping albums and singles? Now experience the UK's number one concert show, Thank You for the Music.”

For further information and tickets call the Towngate Theatre box office on 01268 465465 or visit www.towngatetheatre.co.uk or www.easytheatres.com

For your chance to win one of two pairs of tickets to see the show at Towngate Theatre, Basildon, at 7.30pm answer the following question.

**Q: In how many countries did Abba's Dancing Queen reach number one?**

- A: 12**  
**B: 13**  
**C: 14**

To enter the competition telephone your answer – A, B or C – to (0901 307 1674) with your name, address, telephone number and email.

Alternatively, text YAABBA (space) followed by A, B or C, and your name, full address and email to 63333.

Calls cost 50p per call plus your phone company's access charge. Calls from mobiles will cost considerably more. Texts cost 50p plus your standard network rates.



**ROCKING: Thank You for the Music is at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon**

If you do not wish to receive details on any other products or services, text EXIT at the end of your message. Lines close on Thursday, February 11. Entries received after the closing date will not be counted but may still be charged.

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## double crossword

### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Sort of paper used for making a report? (9)
- Stay silent at the back of a tree (3)
- Scots one found in a rebuilt dance salon (11)
- Could the trawl be taken for granted? (4-3)
- Rubbish for human consumption (5)
- Give a rough outline of the playlet (6)
- Produce something original to cause a fuss (6)
- We hear a wanderer will supply the bouquet (5)
- Mischief-maker speaks deceitfully and makes insinuations (7)
- How one relieving you of weapons behaves? (11)
- In the event I expected a closely fought game (3)
- A deadlock is by no means fresh, my friend (9)

### DOWN

- The girl and I missing from Verdi's opera (3)
- He produced Woden after finishing The Thinker! (5)
- Make a contribution to the same neat arrangement (6)
- One who once performed as an oppressive creditor (7)
- In going without food I can change significantly - it's spell-binding (11)
- Completely out of form? (9)
- Tenant fuddled by ale sold here (11)
- The imbalance of Paris in a tidy mess! (9)
- Vehicles I used in certain pursuits (7)
- Is going up to wander over a mountain range (6)
- One in an attitude displaying an air of assurance (5)
- Left to put up what gets knocked down (3)

### Last week's solutions

Across: 1. Automaton; 2. Hard Times; 3. Any; 4. Holy; 5. Holi; 6. Road worker; 7. Nick; 8. Other; 9. Part; 10. Robot; 11. Item; 12. Wheel; 13. Saint; 14. Alice; 15. Part; 16. Robot; 17. Item; 18. Wheel; 19. Saint; 20. Usher; 21. Seeped; 22. Sneeze; 23. Mischief; 24. Brawl; 25. Holi; 26. Holi; 27. Key; 28. Holi; 29. Holi; 30. Holi; 31. Holi; 32. Holi; 33. Holi; 34. Holi; 35. Holi; 36. Holi; 37. Holi; 38. Holi; 39. Holi; 40. Holi; 41. Holi; 42. Holi; 43. Holi; 44. Holi; 45. Holi; 46. Holi; 47. Holi; 48. Holi; 49. Holi; 50. Holi; 51. Holi; 52. Holi; 53. Holi; 54. Holi; 55. Holi; 56. Holi; 57. Holi; 58. Holi; 59. Holi; 60. Holi; 61. Holi; 62. Holi; 63. Holi; 64. Holi; 65. Holi; 66. Holi; 67. Holi; 68. Holi; 69. Holi; 70. Holi; 71. Holi; 72. Holi; 73. Holi; 74. Holi; 75. Holi; 76. Holi; 77. Holi; 78. Holi; 79. Holi; 80. Holi; 81. Holi; 82. Holi; 83. Holi; 84. Holi; 85. Holi; 86. Holi; 87. Holi; 88. Holi; 89. Holi; 90. Holi; 91. Holi; 92. Holi; 93. Holi; 94. Holi; 95. Holi; 96. Holi; 97. 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Blue Chutney is also the venue to enjoy a variety of entertainment such as tribute nights, with a four-course set meal, such as Luther Vandross on Friday, February 12, at £24.95 per head; Elvis on Thursday, March 10, at £21.95 per head and Phil Collins on Friday, April 22, at £24.95 per head.

A special evening not to be missed is Valentine's Day, on Sunday, February 14, when you can enjoy a champagne reception as well as a three-course meal, for just £44.95 per couple.

Throughout 2016 diners can party at the Blue Chutney with a drinks promotion on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Enjoy a starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king Prawn extra £3.30) and as much drink as you want for one hour 45 minutes.

You MUST book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £21.95 per person on Wednesdays and £25.95 on Fridays. Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin, whiskey and brandy, as well as Baileys, Malibu, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the bottle and champagne, terms and conditions apply).

On Sundays and Thursdays there is a five-course banquetting night at Blue Chutney which includes one starter, one main course, a side dish and any one sundries, plus coffee, for £10.95 on Sunday and £11.95 on Thursday. Again table bookings in advance required.

The Blue Chutney, offers a full takeaway service with free local delivery, is open Monday to Sunday lunchtime from noon to 2pm, as well as from 5.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Thursday; 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and from 5pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

To make a reservation call the Blue Chutney or 01268 763866, e-mail bluechutney@hotmail.com, or visit www.blue-chutney.com.

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On Saturday, February 13, the pub will be holding a Valentine's evening from 6.30pm, which includes a three-course meal for just £12.95 per person, a free bottle of house wine per couple and live entertainment.

The pub is also taking bookings for Mother's Day on Sunday, March 6, and anyone interested in either evenings is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

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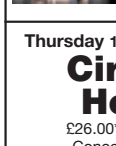
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**Q. How do I go about choosing an agent to sell my home?**

**A.** Ah, if only I had a pound for every time I've been asked this question!

Choosing who to entrust with selling what is almost certainly our single most valuable asset ought to be one of the most considered decisions any of us ever take. Yet bizarrely, many people choose their estate agent with a good deal less serious thought than if they were deciding where to buy their groceries. Indeed, two of the commonest reasons for choosing one agent over another are 1) they valued your home the highest, or 2) they were the cheapest. Hardly scientific, is it?

No wonder so many people don't have a good word to say about estate agents!

In reality, there is no single "right" way to choose an agent. Some people insist that your best bet is to choose a small, local independent firm - and there is some merit in this argument. After all, everything else being equal, you might reasonably expect a small local firm to really know the area in question, and perhaps also be able to



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offer a more personal service than their larger competitors. But that is not always the case. The plain fact is that there are both good and bad local independent agents - and by the same token, there are good and bad among the larger, so-called "corporate" agents too.

Similarly, it is often argued that you should always choose an agent who belongs to one of the recognised professional bodies, such as the National Association of Estate Agents, which generally exists to champion the highest professional standards.

However, human nature being what it is, simply having the letters "MNAEA" or "FNAEA" after an agent's name is no absolute guarantee of quality - any more than the absence of those letters automatically means that an agent is no good at his or her job.

Personal recommendation is often cited as the best way to choose an agent. Nevertheless, the fact is that we're all different, and what works well for one person may not work quite so well for another.

Of course, in an ideal world I would say that choosing an estate agent should involve all of the above. Ultimately, however, it really all comes down to trust and rapport. Basically, if you have a good feeling about the trustworthiness and professionalism of an agent - then go with it!

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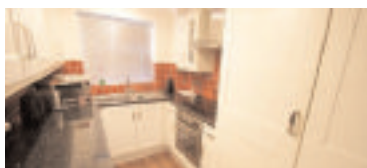




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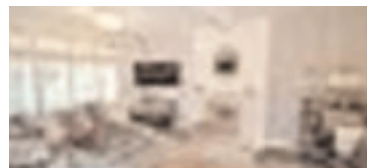
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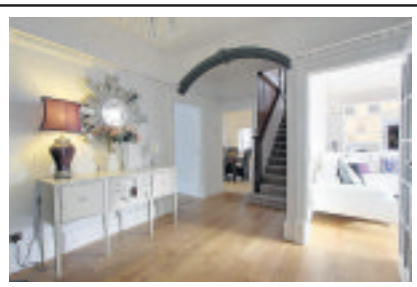




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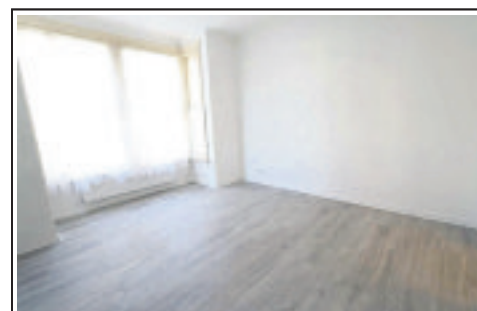


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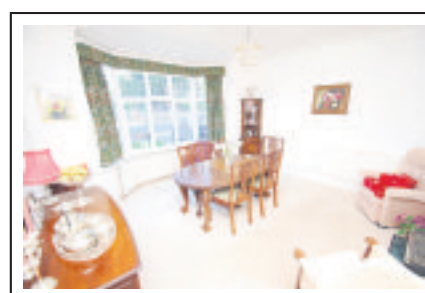
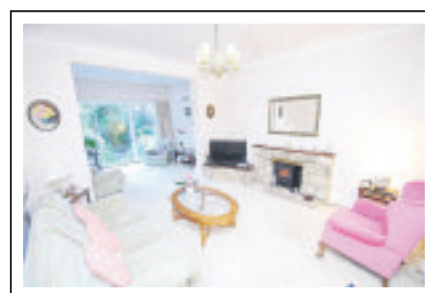


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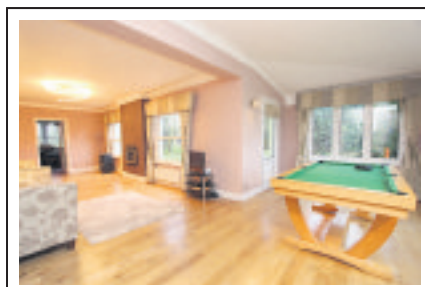


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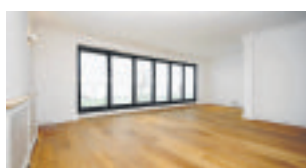
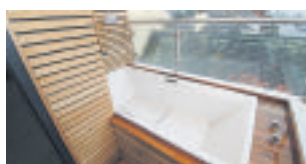


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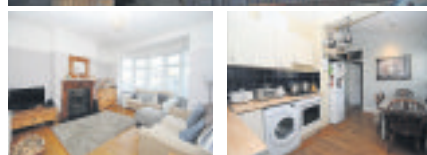
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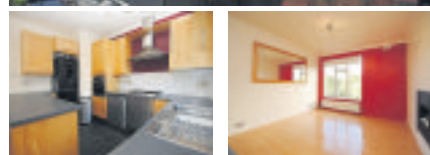


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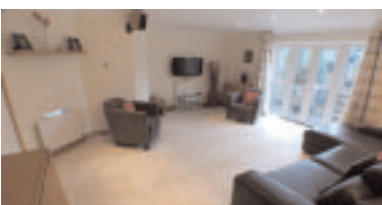
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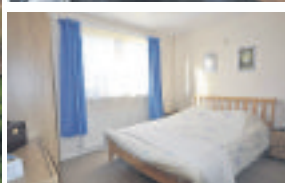
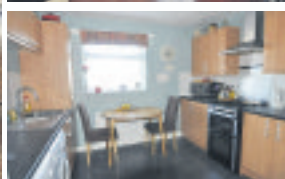
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## Westcliff On Sea £495,000



Stunning two double bedroomed penthouse apartment, which has undergone complete and sympathetic remodelling to include an open plan South facing living area with far reaching and panoramic views over the estuary. The property benefits from own secure lift access direct to the penthouse, electric central heating by modern vertical radiators with the addition of accompaniment of air conditioning, plus underfloor heating in parts, double glazing to all windows and doors, plus additional touches including soft touch sensitive light switches, concealed tv and audio, and visual security entry system, touches including soft touch sensitive light switches, concealed tv and audio, and visual security entry system.

## Westcliff On Sea £310,000



Sorrell are delighted to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family house offering spacious ground floor living accommodation. The property also benefits from detached garage and parking for two vehicles along with established front and rear gardens. Fairview Drive is situated close to Earls Hall infant and junior school and Southend general hospital. Full double glazing and gas central heating.

## Westcliff On Sea £750 pcm



Spacious ground floor apartment situated within a central location of Westcliff being South of the London Road off Hamlet Court Road, full double glazing and gas central heating, lounge with French doors onto and overlooking garden, two double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen with plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for upright fridge/freezer, recess for electric cooker, bathroom/wc with shower over bath, own South backing garden.

## Hadleigh £900 pcm



Being situated within a central location of Hadleigh just off the London Road A13 is this huge four bedroom first floor apartment which has been newly converted and refurbished. Large lounge, fitted kitchen/diner with integrated four ring electric hob, oven and extractor fan, four good sized bedrooms, large bathroom/wc, with white suite and chrome fittings including separate shower cubicle, full double glazing and central heating, allocated off street parking, fully self contained.



## BENFLEET RETAIL UNIT TO LET £12,000 PER ANNUM

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## New BMW X1 gives rivals food for thought

By Robin Roberts

THE BMW SUV series begins with the X1 and since its launch in 2009 more than 40,000 have been sold in Britain.

Last autumn the second series was announced and first orders are now trickling through.

The new X1 runs to five models from about £31,225 to £36,060 with a choice of three diesels – 1.8 150, 2.0 190 or 2.5 231bhp – and a 192bhp 2.0 petrol.

The best seller is expected to be the 190bhp 2.0 td which develops a good amount of torque at 400Nm.

There is a familiar but updated appearance to the X1. The fascia has been restyled and angled towards the driver while the iDrive Control Display has standard 6.5 inch or optional 8.8 inch monitor.

The engines are all new while the xDrive powertrain is further refined to improve front wheel or four-wheel grip. Key to the improvements and responses is a new chassis platform and linkages intended to sharpen responses but soften the ride.

Engine power and delivery has been improved and the 2.0d gains 7bhp over the previous version, but it also uses less fuel and produces fewer emissions, so it's a win-win X1.

A new body design incorporates air deflector and even underbody smooth panels to ease its passing, so reducing energy needed and drag.



NEW GENERATION: BMW X120d Sport

There is no doubting the new model is an improvement, principally because it's smoother and quieter in character.

The latest 2.0d engine is a good starter and pulls with ease and efficiency, the automatic changes are seamless and mechanical noise levels are very low.

Brakes and steering give a lot of feel and feedback, work well and endow the X1 Sport with great agility and responses over any surface and type of road.

A mixture of winding country lanes and

more open sweeping roads showed off the X1 to be in its element.

Inside, the seats do a good job of smoothing out the ride imperfections and they give good support with a wide adjustment range available and even those in the back would have plenty of knee and headroom.

The standard automatic fifth door opens from bumper level to reveal a wide, flat and deep compartment and the capacity rises from just over 500 litres to a maximum 1,550 litres as the rear seat gradually folds

away. For any BMW driver, the major and minor controls; relationship and operation are paramount and the X1 will not disappoint.

Everything works well and the new wrap-around fascia and straightforward dials are clear.

Oddments room was modest however with only small compartments to stow items and most things would end up on the floor or back seat, which is surprising in what many consider a family car.

There is no doubt the new BMW X1 is a big step up over the predecessor and it now does well what its larger X3 stablemate has done so far, so it's an even tougher challenge for any rivals to better, particularly when you look at enhanced residual values down the line.

### FAST FACTS

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 36, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will be to introduce Residents only Permit Parking as detailed below.

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**Chief Executive & Town Clerk**

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue,  
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Dated: 4th February 2016

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### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

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(Amendment No.1) Order 2016**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984  
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### Football

**Colchester United 1  
Tottenham Hotspur 4  
FA Cup Fourth Round  
Brian Jeeves reporting from  
the Weston Homes  
Community Stadium**

TWO goals from Belgian international Nacer Chadli eased Tottenham Hotspur to victory over a spirited Colchester United side.

Spurs are currently in a rich vein of form and fighting for silverware on three fronts.

Colchester had sought solace in the FA Cup, having so far endured a wretched season, which had seen them record just five victories, and sit rooted to the bottom of Sky Bet League One, eight points from safety.

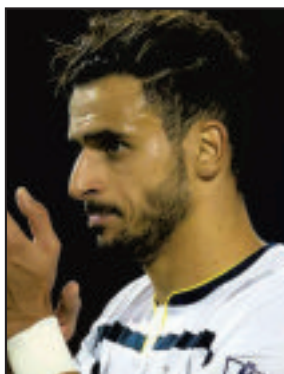
Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino showed both Colchester and the competition enormous respect by selecting a near full strength starting line-up, including the likes of England frontman Harry Kane and Danish playmaker Christian Eriksen.

But the crowd's early attention was drawn to a shocking clash of heads between U's defenders Tom Eastman and Alex Wynter.

The game was held up for several minutes while Eastman was led away for stitches. Wynter received extensive treatment before being stretchered from the field.

Once back under way it was Spurs who controlled proceedings.

Richard Brindley hooked to safety after Kane and Kieran Trippier had combined down the right.



**BRAVE:** Nacer Chadli

Then U's goalkeeper Jake Kean did well to keep out a terrific strike from Eriksen. At the other end, Spurs keeper Michel Vorm was finally called upon, racing from his goal to nod clear as Chris Porter sniffed for an opening.

Spurs continued to dominate. Erik Lamela's curling effort beat Kean, but clipped the foot of an upright, while Eriksen was bravely blocked by the heavily bandaged Eastman.

Spurs had a scare when Vorm juggled precariously as Porter looked to profit, meanwhile Eriksen was a whisker away, sending a delicate right-footed effort inches too high.

Just before the half-hour mark the north Londoners grabbed the advantage. Chadli found himself in an acre of space, and sent a fizzing strike beyond Kean from outside the box.

Soon after Kane passed up a couple of decent opportunities, firstly sending an angled drive into the side netting, then drawing a brilliant save out of Kean from a goal-bound header.

Lamela was just off target with the opening chance of the second period, but Spurs were almost punished when Darren Ambrose's strike was scrambled behind.

Clearly buoyed, Colchester attacked with greater purpose. Gavin Massey drove into Vorm's midriff, while Porter was agonisingly short of making contact with Ambrose's cross.

But Spurs weathered the storm. Chadli should have doubled their lead, striking the top of the bar after Kane picked him out.

The U's resistance was broken when Eric Dier's long range strike took a deflection to wrong-foot the unlucky Kean.

Battling U's looked for a way back but Brindley drove over, while Marvin Sordell should have done better, hitting the outside of the post after racing clear of the visitors' rearguard.

A flurry of late goals saw Spurs book their place in the fifth round of the competition and a home tie with Crystal Palace. Chadli stooped to head home Trippier's centre to make it three.

The enthusiastic home fans were lifted when Gavin Massey's shot squeezed over the line after hitting Ben Davies and the post, but it proved to be little more than a consolation goal.

Tom Carroll added Spurs' fourth, turning in Chadli's centre via the bar.

After the game, Pochettino said: "It was very important the way we played the game and showed respect for our opponent. It's difficult to play against a side like this, they are very motivated and the FA Cup always has some magic."

Colchester chief Kevin Keen said: "I think there was a spell in the second half when we got on top and the crowd were behinds us. You could feel that little bit of momentum building."

"But in those moments you've got to take a chance. We gave it a go, I've got nothing but pride for my lads."

Spurs turned their attention back to the Barclays Premier League when they travelled to Norwich City on Tuesday evening, while Colchester look to haul themselves away from the foot of League One when they go to Southend United on Saturday, February 6 (3pm).

**Colchester United:** Jake Kean, Owen Garvan, Alex Wynter (Frankie Kent), Alex Gilbey, Chris Porter (Capt), George Moncur, Gavin Massey, Tom Eastman (Matt Briggs), Kane Vincent-Young, Richard Brindley, Darren Ambrose (Marvin Sordell) Subs not used: Elliott Parish, Joe Edwards, Elliot Lee, Macauley Bonne

**Tottenham Hotspur:** Michel Vorm, Nabil Bentaleb, Harry Kane (Capt) (Heung-Min Son), Erik Lamela (Moussa Dembele), Eric Dier, Kieran Trippier, Nacer Chadli, Christian Eriksen (Josh Onomah), Kevin Wimmer, Tom Carroll, Ben Davies Subs not used: Hugo Lloris, Kyle Walker, Toby Alderweireld, Dele Alli

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### Non-league round-up

## Two on bounce for Braintree

**By Brian Jeeves**

BRAINTREE Town picked up where they left off during the week, as goals from Mark Phillips and Matt Paine earned the Iron three National League points against Chester at Cressing Road.

The victory came off the back of Tuesday's single goal success over Wrexham and has carried the Iron into 10th place, four points off the play-off places.

In National South, Concord Rangers produced a battling display to grab a point at title-chasing Maidstone United. Things looked bleak for the Beach Boys when they trailed 2-0 due to early goals from Joe Healy and Vas Karagiannis.

But the Canvey club showed their fighting qualities, hitting back to snatch a 2-2 draw, thanks to goals from Steve Cawley and John Easterford. But Chelmsford City who crashed 2-0 against a decent Sutton United side at the Melbourne Stadium.

East Thurrock United continued their Ryman Premier League promotion push with a 2-0 win at Burgess Hill Town. Lewis Smith and Thomas Wright were on target for the Rocks.

Elsewhere Martin Tuohy's priceless strike ended Canvey Island's recent poor run of results. The former Great Wokingham Rovers man struck 10 minutes from time to earn the Gulls victory over Farnborough at Park Lane.

Meanwhile, Grays Athletic had to be content with a point after their clash with Wingate & Finchley ended goalless.

In Ryman League One North Thurrock were in decent form. Goals from Joe Christou, Tommy Cummings, Michael Toner and Ronnie Winn earned the Ship Lane outfit a 4-0 win at AFC Sudbury. Adam Mills and Sam Newson (2) helped Maldon & Tiptree to a 3-0 success over Barkingside, while Alex Teniola, Liam Nash and Arian Retkoceri found the net as Aveley won by the same margin at Phoenix Sports.

Redbridge won an entertaining match at Wroxham by the odd goal in seven and Witham Town grabbed maximum points with a 1-0 triumph over Waltham Abbey.

Tilbury and Haringey Borough played out a tense goalless draw, however, several of the region's Division One North clubs suffered defeats. George Purcell's penalty was little more than a consolation as the Urchins went down 3-1 at Harlow Town. Ollie Canfer grabbed the only goal just before the break as Great Wokingham Rovers suffered a setback, going down 1-0 against Bury Town at Burroughs Park, and Brightlingsea Regent were frustrated, losing 2-1 at Soham Town Rangers.

Romford also ended up empty-handed after visitors Thamesmead Town grabbed all three points in a 3-2 victory.

In the Essex Senior League there was a fantastic encounter between Burnham Ramblers and Basildon United at Leslie Field.

Bradley Warner (2), Daniel Howett and Michael Finneran were on target for the Bees in a match that ended 4-4.

Local rivals Ilford and Clapton battled out a 0-0 draw at the Cricklefield Stadium, and there were wins for Tower Hamlets, 3-1 at Southend Manor, and Stansted, 5-0 against Takeley.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw White Ensign edge out Newham United at the Len Forge Centre by three goals to two. In Division One, Old Chelmsfordians saw off Ongar Town 4-1 and Old Southendians beat Hutton 2-1.

FC Hamlets were emphatic winners in Division Two, thrashing Lakeside 9-2, while in Division Three Leytonstone United won 4-1 at Epping.

## O's pay for defensive errors as revival falters

### Leyton Orient

**Leyton Orient 1  
Cambridge United 3  
Sky Bet League Two  
By Rowland Lyons at the  
Matchroom Stadium**

SLOPPY Leyton Orient's mini-revival came to an abrupt halt on Saturday with their defensive inadequacies once again cruelly exposed.

On the back of two successive wins heralding in the Kevin Nolan era, it was back to square one.

Cambridge soon took control but were gifted their opener by the sloppiest of Orient defending.

There was no danger when Frazer Shaw found himself in acres of space after 10 minutes, but his woefully underhit back pass was gleefully gobbled up by Ryan Donaldson, who rounded the stranded Alex Cisak and netted from the narrowest of angles.

The U's then took charge and comfortably controlled the contest

against a side which was a pale shadow of the first two games under Nolan's stewardship.

Indeed, it was the O's who had to keep defending and Shaw partly redeemed himself to clear Lewis Page's dipping cross from under his own crossbar, before winger Calaum Jahraldo-Martin was called into defensive duties, blocking from Harrison Dunk and Luke Berry.

Top scorer Jay Simpson endured a torrid time against Leon Legge and had only a mishit drive to show for a quiet first-half.

But, if 1-0 was bad enough, seven minutes after the restart it was Connor Essam's turn to gift-wrap Donaldson's second strike.

There seemed no danger when the centre-half was trying to usher a routine loose ball out of play.

But Donaldson persisted and chased the ball down, cut in and beat Cisak at his near post.

Ollie Palmer was replaced by Armand Gnanouillet who reduced

the arrears almost immediately with a tap-in from Simpson's flick after the visitors had failed to clear Jobi McAnuff's initial flag-kick.

But any Orient joy was short-lived as Essam was again the fall-guy and lost possession to his nemesis Ben Williamson, who was then allowed to put in a square ball for sub Jimmy Spencer to ram home on 63 minutes from close range. Cambridge were in the driving seat and could have increased the lead after Berry went close.

Nolan came off the bench to replace Jack Payne, but Orient never again troubled the visiting defence.

Nolan admitted: "We were very sloppy. In the first 10 minutes you don't want to give a side a goal."

"I told the lads you can't make mistake after mistake if you want to play at this level."

"The goals weren't from Cambridge's fantastic play. It was from us not doing our jobs properly."

The new boss concluded: "We've

got a good, honest bunch of hard working lads here. You're going to get days when we don't have the best of days. I have had plenty of those throughout my career."

"Those boys have given me everything over the last three games and perhaps today was a bridge too far."

"But, hopefully with a couple of players coming in over the next 48 hours, it's going to give them some competition."

O's Sean Clohessy said: "The manager has let it be known that he isn't happy."

**Leyton Orient:** Alex Cisak, Sean Clohessy, Mathieu Baudry (captain), Connor Essam, Frazer Shaw, Calaum Jahraldo-Martin (Blair Turgott 58), Jack Payne (Kevin Nolan 67), Nigel Atangana, Jobi McAnuff, Ollie Palmer (Armand Gnanouillet 54), Jay Simpson.

**Cambridge United:** Will Norris, Darnell Furlong, Leon Legge, Josh Coulson, Lewis Page, James Dunne, Ryan Ledson, Luke Berry (captain), Ryan Donaldson (Jimmy Spencer 61), Harrison Dunk (Robbie Simpson 83), Ben Williamson.

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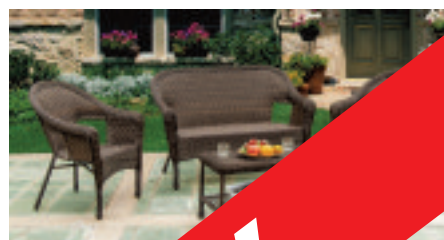


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